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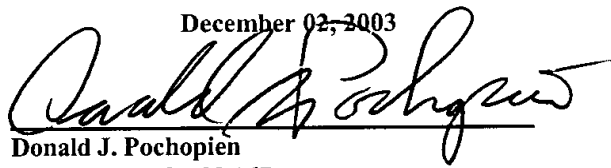
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In response to the Notice of Appeal filed 08/20/03, for which a response was due 10/20/03, now extended two (2) months to 12/20/03, the Applicants hereby proceed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and file this request for continued examination.

This request is accompanied by a check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). In the event that any additional fees are due as a result of the filing of this paper, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge those fees to deposit account No. 13-0017 in the name of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd.

As part of the Applicants' response, the Applicants respectfully request entry (as a matter of right) of the following amendments and arguments.

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